

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Pinehurst Hotel

and/or common same as above

2. Location

street & number 318 Fifth Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Laurel

NA vicinity of

state Mississippi

code 28

county Jones

code 67

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Formiss, Inc.

street & number c/o Tallahoma Co./ P.O. Box 3020

city, town Laurel

NA vicinity of

state Mississippi 39440

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Jones County Courthouse

street & number 415 Fifth Avenue

city, town Laurel

state Mississippi 39440

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located in the heart of downtown Laurel on the western side of Fifth Street where it is intersected by Oak Street, the Pinehurst Hotel is a four-story U-shaped Italianate brick building with low-pitched, red-tiled, hipped roof with exposed rafter ends and wide, overhanging, bracketed eaves. A similar roof caps a square cupola with arched openings that provides both access to the roof and light for the elevator shaft. The English cross bond brickwork features an aggregate mortar that is also employed on other buildings in Laurel. The deeply recessed, five-bay central portion of the facade, which originally contained the first-story lobby and office space, is separated from Fifth Street by a brick terrace and courtyard, whose two entrances are defined by a pair of brick piers surmounted by original lamps. A two-story five-bay loggia fronts this recessed portion of the facade. The first-story achieves a Palladian effect with the bays consisting of arched openings flanked by detached sidelights. Although the semi-circular fanlights of the arched openings and the sidelights are intact, the double-leaf, glazed doors that originally filled each opening have been replaced by modern infill. The second-story of the loggia was originally divided into five, open, rectangular bays by brick supporting piers, but the open bays have now been infilled with double-hung sash windows. The upper story windows of the recessed five-bay section are filled with casement windows set beneath transoms.

The central five-bay recessed portion is flanked by matching projecting wings having four-bay easterly facades with the central bays of each wing slightly recessed. On the first story, the center bays are filled with tall arched openings flanked by shorter rectangular openings. The arched openings are sheltered by decorative cast-iron balconies with iron brackets, and the rectangular openings are protected by red-tiled pent roofs. Each of the arched openings was originally filled with a tripartite window atop red-tiled pent roof sheltering a tripartite sash window that served as a transom for either a shop window or double-leaf glazed doors. Each of the lower rectangular openings was originally filled with a multi-paned transom and double-leaf glazed doors. All of the first-story doors have been removed but all other elements are represented at least once somewhere on the first story. The upper story windows of the projecting wings are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash.

Each elevation of the projecting wings that fronts onto the recessed courtyard features three first-story arched openings sheltered by a single pent roof. Each arched opening is filled with a semi-circular fanlight beneath which are unusual lattice-like panels enclosing a doorway that has been remodeled. The upper story windows of the courtyard elevations, like those of the easterly facades, have six-over-six, double-hung sash except for those with two-over-two sash that light the original bathrooms.

Although the overall exterior integrity of the building is good, the interior integrity of the building has been compromised as the result of several remodelings. As documented in old photographs, the interior of the central recessed portion with its projecting loggia was finished with molded and paneled box columns and pilasters, molded ceiling beams, and rectangular-sectioned baluster railings that visually defined the lobby and office spaces. The upper floors were plainly trimmed with unmolded door and window surrounds.

To the north of the original portion of the building is a significant, 1924, four story, recessed addition that achieves total harmony with the main building. Attached to the rear, westerly elevation is a two-story masonry addition of no significance that was added to the building in the mid-twentieth century.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1914 and 1924 **Builder/Architect** DeBuys, Churchill, and LaBouisse

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Pinehurst Hotel has been a landmark building in the heart of downtown Laurel since it first opened its doors in 1914 (The Laurel Daily Leader, 3 November 1914, p. 1). The large U-shaped Italianate hotel, located across the street from the Laurel City Hall, was designed by the New Orleans firm of DeBuys, Churchill, and LaBouisse and was constructed by I. C. Garber (Papers of Green Lumber Company, Laurel, Mississippi). Rathbone DeBuys was also the designer of the noted Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel. Opening its doors with 106 rooms and constructed as a community project, the four-story hotel stands today to give silent testimony to the prosperity and rapid growth of Laurel in the first quarter of the twentieth century. Laurel's prosperity was the result of a lumber boom that placed Mississippi in third rank of lumber-producing states during the period of 1904-15 (Nollie W. Hickman, "Mississippi Forests," A History of Mississippi, ed. Richard A. McLemore [Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1969], II: 214). For over sixty years, the hotel was not only the principal place of lodging for visitors to the city, but it was also the center of social activity in Laurel. It was the facility most used by civic clubs and other organizations for meetings and banquets. Rising competition from chain motels located on the highway and the need for extensive renovation were two major factors in the decline of the Pinehurst Hotel. Another factor in the hotel's demise as a successful commercial venture was the creation of a downtown mall within the central business district. Like most of the downtown malls that were created with urban renewal funds, the Laurel downtown mall failed in its promise to give new life to the downtown. Civic leaders in Laurel are today working toward revitalization of the downtown using the tools of historic preservation, and two local businessmen have purchased an option with the intention of renovating the hotel. The integrity of the exterior of the building is very good with the remodeling of the first-story infill and the enclosure of a second-story loggia constituting the only significant exterior alterations. The interior of the building was originally simply finished with the decorative millwork limited to molded and paneled box columns and pilasters, molded ceiling beams, and rectangular-sectioned baluster railings that divided the first-story space into office and lobby areas. Renovations of the hotel building during several changes of ownership have compromised the interior integrity. Surviving early photographs of the building coupled with the determination of the future owners should insure a good quality renovation of this early twentieth-century Laurel landmark, a good representative example of the early twentieth-century Italianate that was popular for public buildings of the period.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hickman, Nollie W. "Mississippi Forests." A History of Mississippi, ed. Richard A. McLemore. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1969.

Laurel. Green Lumber Company. Company Papers.

The Laurel Daily Leader. 3 November, 1914.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Laurel West, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Lots four and five of the Commercial Block Addition to the City of Laurel, Second Judicial District of Jones County, Mississippi, as per plat now on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Laurel, Mississippi. LESS AND EXCEPT: That part of lot four described as beginning at a point on the north line of said lot four

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (see continuation)

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/Preservation Consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation

date September 30, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 1761

telephone (601) 442-2500

city or town Natchez

state Mississippi 39120

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1/27/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Pinehurst Hotel, Jones County, Mississippi

Continuation sheet

Item number 10

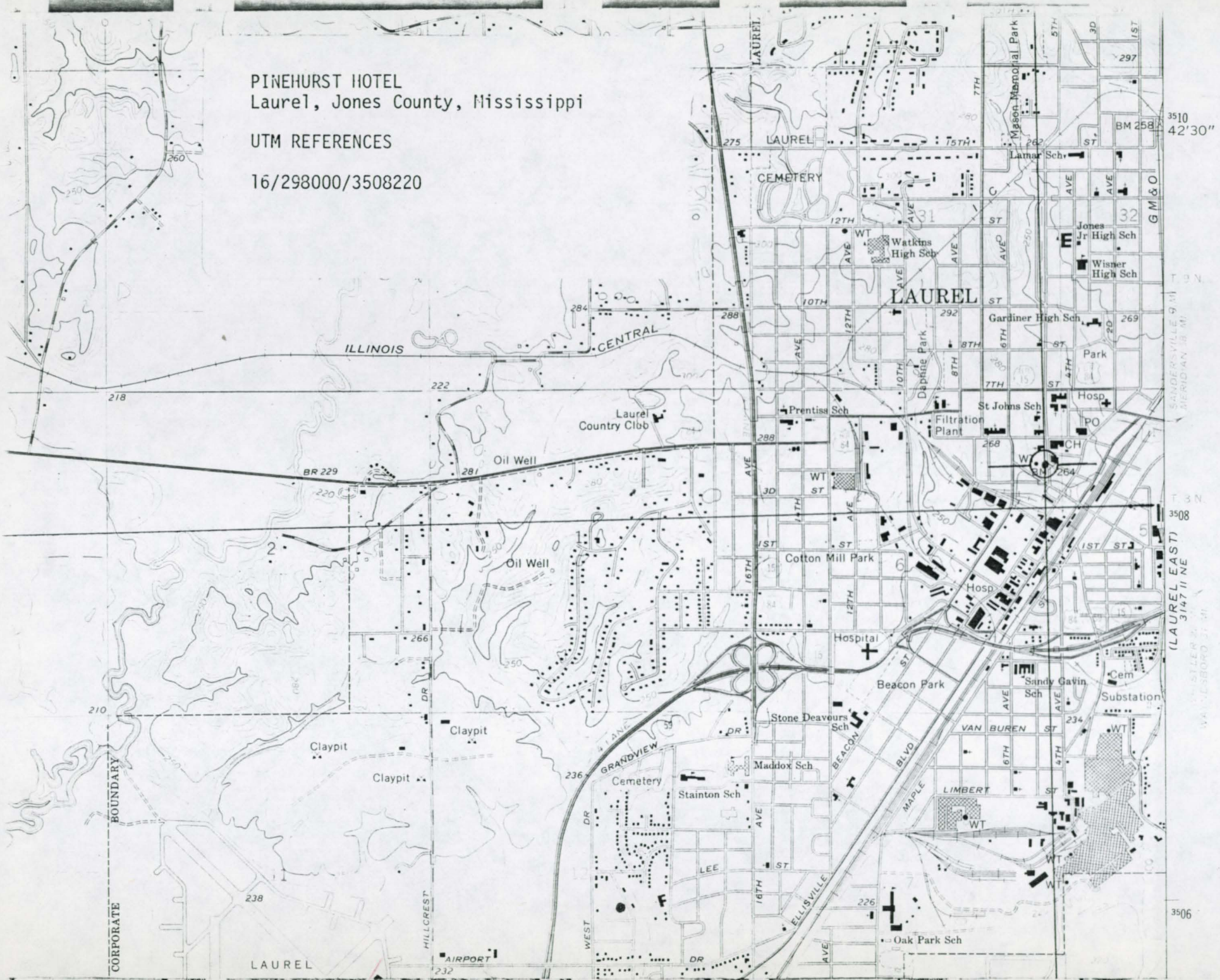
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53.03 feet west of the northeast corner thereof; thence run southwesterly parallel with Fifth Avenue and passing along the west line of the brick wall of Hotel Addition a distance of 45 feet; thence run westerly at right angles with Fifth Avenue 138.9 to the west line of said lot, thence run northerly along the west line of said lot 49.8 feet; thence run easterly along the north line of said lot four 138.9 feet to the point of beginning. Also LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the southeast corner of lot five of the Commercial Block Addition to the City of Laurel, Mississippi; thence run north 56 degrees 09 minutes west 73.19 feet along the northerly right-of-way line of an alley; thence run north 2 degrees 47 minutes west 13.60 feet; thence north 87 degrees 39 minutes east along a brick wall line of Fifth Avenue; thence run south 2 degrees 47 minutes east along the westerly right-of-way line of said Fifth Avenue 55.93 feet to the point of beginning.

PINEHURST HOTEL
 Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi

UTM REFERENCES

16/298000/3508220



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 42'30"

3508

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LAUREL EAST 3147 II NE
 SANDERSVILLE 9 M
 MERIDIAN 8 M
 WALSBERG ST 41

CORPORATE
 BOUNDARY

LAUREL

AIRPORT

LAUREL

GRANDVIEW

LIMBERT

ELLISVILLE

LEE

HILLCREST

ILLINOIS

CENTRAL

Laurel
 Country Club

Oil Well

Oil Well

Claypit

Claypit

Claypit

Stone Deavours
 Sch

Maddox Sch

Stanton Sch

Sandy Gavin
 Sch

Hospital

Cotton Mill Park

WT

Prentiss Sch

Gardiner High Sch

Watkins
 High Sch

LAUREL

Jones
 Jr High Sch

Wisner
 High Sch

Dipshire Park

Park

Hosp

PO

CH

Hosp

Substation

Cem

WT

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Oak Park Sch

BM 258

297

32

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Pinehurst Hotel

Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi

Looking westerly, the northern portion of
the facade of the Pinehurst Hotel

Mississippi Department of Archives
and History

March, 1981

Photo 3 of 3



Pinehurst Hotel
Laurel, Miss.

PINEHURST HOTEL

Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi

Looking westerly, a pre-1924 view of the
Pinehurst Hotel.

Historic Natchez Foundation.

Photo 1 of 3



HARRIS HOTEL

COFFEE SHOP

RIGHT ONLY

5TH AVE

NO PARKING
HERE TO
CORNER

ARABIAN

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Pinehurst Hotel

Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi

Looking westerly, the southern portion of
the facade of the Pinehurst Hotel

Mississippi Department of Archives
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